STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE APRIL 2, 2019

ITEM 8

SUBJECT

UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

DISCUSSION

In March 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) adopted Resolution 2017-0012, Comprehensive Response to Climate Change (Resolution). The overarching theme of the Resolution is to generate near-term action by the regional water boards and the Water Board's divisions and offices, manifesting in changes to policies, permits, and plans that support the state's key climate priorities as identified in the AB 32 Scoping Plan, Safeguarding California Plan, and Water Action Plan.

The Resolution builds on previous and ongoing work to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and to prepare for and adapt to climate change impacts. The Resolution gives direction to regulatory divisions (Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights), along with direction for financial assistance, data analysis, training, and program support. This informational item will provide an update on implementation of the Resolution and provide a preview of activities for the year ahead.

POLICY ISSUE

None. Informational Item Only.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Informational Item Only.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None. Informational Item Only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. Informational Item Only.